GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:66
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UTILISATION OF TSUNAMI REHABILITATION FUNDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has monitored the utilization of Tsunami Rehabilitation Funds by the States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount utilized by the affected States during this period, State-wise; and

(c) the details of any additional funds to be sanctioned to the affected States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 FOR 20-11-2007 REGARDING `UTILISATION OF TSUNAMI REHABILITATION FUNDS`

The Tsunami struck Indian coastline on 26th December 2004 affecting a population of 26.63 lakhs in 1396 villages in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI) and Puducherry. It caused extensive damage to the infrastructure and also loss of lives and livelihood.

For immediate relief and rehabilitation, a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package` (RGRP) for Tsunami affected areas was approved to provide assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, construction of temporary (intermediate) shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure besides special relief to orphans, un-married girls above 18 years of age, widows and disabled persons and ex-gratia payment to the next of kin of dead persons.

After the completion of rescue and relief phase, focus shifted to long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged physical and social infrastructure and revival of impaired livelihoods due to Tsunami. The Government approved a Tsunami Reconstruction Programme (TRP), a package of reconstruction and rehabilitation schemes such as housing, reconstruction of roads and bridges, ports and jetties and other infrastructure and livelihood in agriculture and fisheries at an estimated cost of Rs. 9870.25 crore which was subsequently revised to Rs. 9822.10 crore to be implemented over a period of four years from 2005-06 to 2008-09. An amount of Rs. 1776.62 crore from RGRP pertaining to elements of long-term reconstruction has been included in TRP.

For monitoring the progress of TRP and utilization of funds, a Core Group has been set up in the Planning Commission with representation from Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Research Institutions to monitor the utilization of funds under TRP. The Core Group meets quarterly to monitor the physical and financial progress of TRP.

Further, an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been constituted regarding TRP. The EGoM has decided that States/UTs should set the quarterly physical and financial targets for proper implementation/monitoring of the programme.

While approving the revised estimates, the EGoM had decided that no major fluctuations in the programme now approved should be allowed and the implementing agencies should complete the works in a scientific manner with a view to providing relief and rehabilitating to the affected people. In view of this, there is no proposal to provide additional funds beyond the revised approved programme by the EGoM.

A statement showing State-wise outlay and utilization of funds till September 2007 is enclosed at Annexure I.

ANNEXURE I

State-wise outlay and utilization of funds under TRP till September 2007

(Rs. in Crore)

States	Revised Outlay	Total Amount utilised (Till September 2007)
Tamil Nadu	4165.33	$$ 914.58
Kerala	1441.75	67.40
Andhra Pradesh	210.16	122.55
Puducherry	663.73	471.22
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2654.69	$983.15
Total	9135.66##	2504.68

($) Includes amount spent from Relief Component of RGRP.
($$) Expenditure upto 10/2007 and also includes amount spent from relief component of RGRP.
(##) Excludes Rs. 686.43 crore given to Department of Shipping (DoS) for reconstruction of Ports and Jetties and for the expenditure related to activities of Core Group. [Total outlay Rs. 9135.66 crore (for States/UTs) + Rs. 686.43 crore (for DoS and for Core Group) = Rs. 9822.10 crore].